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1. During August 1952 the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) High Command assigned Brigadier General Nguyen Son¹ as Commander-in-Chief of the DRV forces in South Vietnam and Cambodia. Son is a long-time Communist and a very able general. He is a native of Ha Tinh, Central Vietnam, and has held several command posts in Central Vietnam.
2. General Son's staff includes:
 - a. Regimental Commander Luu Hung Van, Chief of Staff of the Hanoi Command Committee.
 - b. Regimental Commander Nguyen The Dang, Assistant Chief of Staff and Political Commissar.
 - c. Battalion Commander Phan Van Dung, Chief of Military Intelligence.
3. The 163 Regiment, consisting of 2,000 well armed men, is the main body of the DRV forces in South Vietnam. Huynh Phung is the Commander of this regiment, Le Van Nam is the Deputy Commander and Vu Bang is Chief of Staff. The 163 Regiment has been ordered to conduct operations on Cambodian territory in support of Issarak units. On 27 August 1952 the 163 Regiment assembled in the Ba Den forest north of Tay Ninh (106-05; 11-18), preparatory to joining forces with the Issaraks in the Prey Veng (105-19; 11-29) area of Cambodia.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. According to available information Nguyen Son was Joint Commander of the Lien Quan Bien Canh (Allied Border Army) until his reassignment as Commander-in-Chief of DRV forces in South Vietnam.

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